



# BOARD BULLETIN

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## ***Sales Tax –FY 12-13 Update***

Sales tax revenues for March 2013 (May report) were \$97,152 (19%) more than February 2013 (April report). Further, March 2013 sales tax revenues are \$33,890 (6%) more than the same revenues in March 2012.

Additionally, sales tax revenues for the nine (9) month period of FY 12-13 exceed the same time period in FY 11-12 by \$234,220 (4.7%).

Staff will continue to monitor sales tax revenues on a monthly basis and report this information to the Board.

## ***Oakboro Sewer Study Update***

Chambers Engineering provided a status report earlier this week with respect to the Oakboro wastewater treatment plant study. Below please find a summary of the accomplishments over the past 45 days and next steps:

- The review of all capital components and operational activities associated with the sewer treatment plant has been completed, and the strengths and concerns have been documented.
- Based on the results of the comprehensive review, capital budget estimates are being prepared for all identified repairs and upgrades needed at the plant within the next 3 to 5 years (short term).
- Additionally, information is being gathered to determine the capital expense associated with the installation of a grit removal system. The cost of this system and the aforementioned repairs and upgrades will ultimately impact the value of the sewer treatment plant asset.
- Consultation with Oakboro's financial audit firm to gain access to more detailed depreciation and debt service information for the plant and McCoy creek pump station will continue over the next 30 days.
- Within the next 30 days, work will commence with the contracted rate consultants (Raftelis) to develop and recommend fiscally sustainable rate setting options.

It is anticipated the study will be fully complete within the next 60 days. Staff will continue to provide progress reports to keep the Board informed.

## ***Senior Nutrition – Caterer Bid Evaluation***

The senior nutrition program's current contract for food service with Aramark will expire June 30, 2013. As a result, the County recently sought bids from several corporate catering companies in order to ensure competitive pricing in FY 13-14 and beyond.

Bids were submitted by two (2) vendors. These came from Aramark (the County's current vendor) and Punchy's Dinner in Concord. Punchy's is the current vendor for the Cabarrus County nutrition program.

The results of the two year bids are listed below (per meal price):

	<u>FY 13-14</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>
Aramark	\$4.19	\$4.13
Punchy's	\$4.45	\$4.45

It is important to recognize Aramark is able to discount their bid as a result of utilizing the County's kitchen resources at the jail facility. When one factors in the indirect cost of depreciation and facility use, Aramark's cost per meal increases by \$0.22. As such, the price per meal in FY 13-14 is very close and the price per meal in FY 14-15 is far more comparable.

Although the County's current vendor is in compliance with all nutritional guidelines set forth by State and Federal officials, County staff has received several food quality complaints over the past few years.

As a result, staff is doing their due diligence to evaluate the performance of Punchy's in Cabarrus County prior to making a formal recommendation to the Board in early June.

## ***Upcoming Meetings & Events***

<b>Manufacturing Works Forum</b>	Monday, May 13 5:30 PM Stanly Regional Med. Ctr.
<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	Monday, May 20 7:00 PM Commons Mtg. Room